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NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HIKE REMINDER

Celebrate National Trails Day on Saturday, June 3, by hiking along the Greenhorn Cutoff of the California National Historic Trail.

"This is a unique opportunity to see this little-known, and little-used stretch of the California Trail," said Steve Dondero, BLM recreation manager. "This route was used by emigrants traveling to California in 1849-1870 if they were early in the summer and the Humboldt River was running too high to safely cross. Participants will be walking in the emigrant's footsteps."

The hike will begin at 8 a.m. from old Highway 40, about 1.5 miles west of the Maggie Creek Ranch and end at Carlin Canyon. The hike will range from moderate to easy; however it is about 8 miles long. The pace will be slow at 1-1.5 miles per hour. Shuttle vehicles at Carlin Canyon will return participants to their vehicles at the Highway 40 parking lot.

Weather conditions can range from warm (80 degrees +) and dry to cool and damp at this time of the year, so be prepared for adverse conditions. Persons not in reasonably good physical condition and young children should not participate.

People should bring sunscreen, light waterproof coat, lunch, and water. Wear sturdy light hiking boots; tennis shoes and light shoes are strongly discouraged.

All participants **must pre-register** for the hike so that the logistics of providing shuttle and water can be accommodated. To register, call Steve Dondero at 775-753-0225 or email sdondero@blm.gov by May 31, 2006.

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